

# Dump Faces Permit Loss

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Any further nuisance burning at the Ames Trash Dump on New Belfair Highway may result in non-renewal of a dump license for the operation, the Kitsap County Commissioners suggested Monday.

That remark was made by Commission Chairman Frank Randall following talks with dump co-owner Kenneth Crawford in which the dump owner was told complaints from his neighbors on ash and smoke from the Ames Dump have been substantiated by county officials.

The commissioners didn't come right out and tell Crawford the dump license was on the line, but Commissioner Gene Lobe told Crawford that he and his fellow county board members were aware that no new license had been issued.

That observation came after Crawford was told that the commissioners wanted him to live up to the Sept. 15 deadline he had informally set for an end to all burning at the dump.

All three commissioners told Crawford they were convinced his neighbors had a legitimate

burn out there unless it's raining?" Lobe wanted to know.

"Well, under those and other favorable conditions," was the reply.

The pair never reached an accord on what they felt favorable conditions included, however.

Crawford reiterated a stand he has taken several times since the dump first came under criticism by its neighbors in July . . . that he and Marler were improving the operation as quickly as they could, and were trying to get along with everyone.

He and Marler have both contended that petitions circulated asking for county action to curtail the objectionable burning at the dump have been spawned by outside influences unhappy with Ames getting the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard trash contract, which took effect July 1, shortly after the complaints began.

"We were aware some outside influence might have generated the complaints," Randall said, but now unbiased county officials have made repeated investigations of telephoned complaints, and have brought back very unfavorable reports.

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